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## ILLINOIS SUPREME COURT CLERK'S OFFICE TO MAKE E-FILING SWITCH ON JUNE 15

The Illinois Supreme Court Clerk's Office will join the eFileIL e-filing community on Thursday, June 15. Filers for the state's highest court will need to access the eFileIL filing platform at <a href="efile.illinoiscourts.gov">efile.illinoiscourts.gov</a> and become a registered user through one of the authorized service providers. Supreme Court filers will no longer be able to use the i2File platform as of 11:59 p.m. on Wednesday, June 14.

"We are looking forward to a more streamlined and efficient e-filing platform that will integrate with our case management system," Illinois Supreme Court Clerk Carolyn Taft Grosboll said. "The mechanics for our current filers will be largely the same as before – just with a different provider. Once all state courts have transitioned to eFileIL, filers statewide will benefit from the ability to file in any jurisdiction using the same registered user login credentials."

On January 22, 2016, the Illinois Supreme Court entered Order M.R. 18368 announcing mandatory e-filing for civil cases in the Illinois Supreme, Appellate and Circuit Courts. Consistent with the <u>amendment</u> to this Order entered on May 30, 2017, permissive e-filing may continue in people cases on the Supreme Court's general docket and all cases on the Court's miscellaneous record ("MR") docket. The Supreme Court Order requires e-filing through a single, centralized electronic filing manager (EFM), which will be integrated with each court's case management system. The Supreme and Appellate Courts have a July 1, 2017, deadline to join eFileIL. The Second Appellate District became the first reviewing court to join on May 18.

The Supreme Court Clerk's Office has been e-filing since 2012 on a pilot basis that was expanded to all cases in 2013. In 2016, approximately 48% of pleadings filed on the Court's general docket were e-filed and approximately 75% of the pleadings on the MR dockets were e-filed.

For more information on the mechanics of e-filing in the Supreme Court, see the Court's *Electronic Filing Procedures and User Manual* located at www.illinoiscourts.gov/EBusiness/SupCt\_Ebusiness.asp.